In the Supreme Court of the United States.

OCTOBER TERM, 1897.

No. 498.

LA ABRA SILVER MINING COMPANY, appellant,
v.
THE UNITED STATES.
} In equity.

APPEAL FROM THE COURT OF CLAIMS.

MOTION TO ADVANCE.

And now comes the United States by the Solicitor-General and moves the court to advance the above-entitled cause for hearing at the present term.

REASONS IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION.

This case grows out of an award made by the United States and Mexican Mixed Commission established by the treaty of July 4, 1868, between the United States and the Republic of Mexico for the adjustment of claims

and complaints of the citizens of each Government against the other. (15 Stat., 679.)

As represented by Mexico and as established by the decree of the Court of Claims, the claim of La Abra Silver Mining Company, the appellant, was imposed upon the said commission "by fraud effectuated by means of false swearing and other fraudulent practices upon the part of said company and its agents."

A good deal of friction in the relations between this Government and the Government of Mexico was produced by the delay that occurred before a proper method for the investigation of the charges of fraud made by Mexico was provided by the act of December 28, 1892 (27 Stat., 409), conferring jurisdiction on the Court of Claims for that purpose; and it is respectfully submitted that an order of this court directing an advancement of the said cause for hearing at the present term would seem to be no more than a proper consideration for the friendly relations between the two Governments, and for the interests of Mexico herself, to whose treasury a large sum of money is authorized to be returned by this Government by section 4 of the said act in case the decree in this case should be affirmed.

Respectfully submitted.

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